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Clarkies help Appalachian poor

by Rosie Grimm

"Almost heaven, West Virginia." The Clarke students who have participated in the Clarke Volunteers in Appalachia program have found new meaning to this song. Students who participate in C.V.A. spend ten days in West Virginia helping the poor who live in the Appalachia mountains.

Jane Schissel, a 1983 graduate, started the C.V.A. program in the fall of 1981. She was looking for a way Clarke students could be of service to other people. Schissel was contacted by Brother Richard Spinal and Brother James Landry, who live in Maysel, West Virginia. Members of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, the two men spend their time helping the Appalachian people. They liked the idea of college-age students visiting and helping for a week.

The first C.V.A. group went to West Virginia in the spring of 1982. There have been three different groups since then. The trips are planned around Clarke's Thanksgiving and Easter breaks. The C.V.A. group rents the Clarke van and drives to Richmond, Ind., where they spend the night in a church base-

ment. The next morning the group drives the rest of the 800 miles to Maysel, a small eastern town in the middle of the Appalachia mountains.

Local families made their living in the coal mines until the big businesses replaced the coal miners with machines. Because of a lack of jobs there is much poverty in the rural areas of Appalachia. The contrast between rich and poor was startling to the C.V.A. groups. Amy Spahn, a group member of C.V.A. IV, said, "We visited one man whose house was very run-down and very small, while across the street was a nice, two-story house with a basketball hoop and two cars."

Once in Maysel, the group is met by Brother James and Brother Richard. The two men are easy to get along with, yet serious about their job of helping people. "We goofed around with them a lot. They are real pranksters. But, they loved explaining things to us whenever we had questions about West Virginia or about their work there," said Lynn Luzum, a participant in the second C.V.A. group.

Only seven students can make the trip at one time. The brothers

believe that when people come to serve, they are most effective in a small, strong support community.

Every C.V.A. group spends its days in Appalachia differently. The third group helped to build a porch onto the back of a family's mobile home. The family pays for the materials needed and the brother, with the help of C.V.A., provide the free labor. "Building that porch was something I normally wouldn't have done, but I was glad I had the opportunity to help someone," said Nancy Knipper, a participant of C.V.A. III. Members of the second C.V.A. group built an addition to a house for which they received a good, home-cooked West Virginia meal. Tina Konrady, a member of C.V.A. II, said, "One of the ladies we helped made a pasta dish for us. It was unusual and very good." Other groups have helped with the distribution of government cheese, butter and foodbaskets.

The brothers built a recreation room onto their trailer and the neighborhood children are free to use it. When members of C.V.A. III visited, students put on a puppet show for the youngsters and spent the next week getting to know each of them. "It was important for the kids to know that we were willing to pay attention to them. They wanted to be loved," said Laura Schreiber.

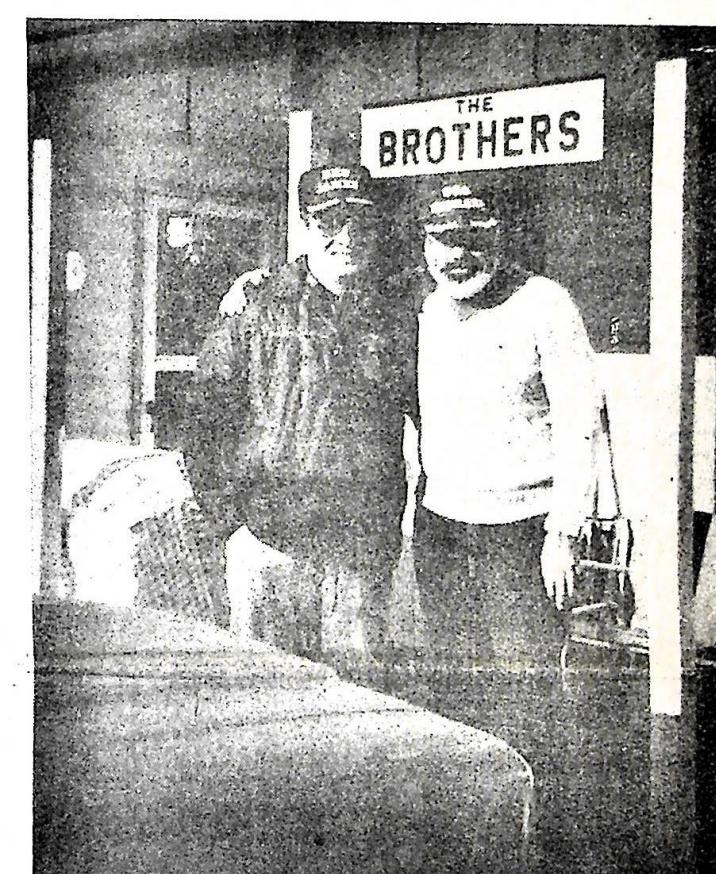
The cost for the trip is about \$1000. This includes transportation and lodging for seven people. C.S.A. has offered to pay \$400 for transportation and \$50 for film and the developing of slides. The group is also assisted by donations from the BVM community, past participants, other members of the Clarke community and several fund-raisers.

The coordinator of the fifth C.V.A. group is Amy Spahn, a senior. Sr. Mary Ann Zollmann, a member of C.V.A. II, is the contact person for

each of the groups. Spahn and Zollmann, along with three other past participants, were on the selection committee for C.V.A. V. Applications for the next trip were turned in before Christmas break. The committee reviewed the applications and conducted interviews with the applicants. On Feb. 4 the members of C.V.A. V were announced. They are seniors Lupe Ahedo, Carolyn Hawks

and Shari Mears; junior Renee Herber; and sophomores Cathy Breitsprecker, Nancy Frommelt and Ann Leibold. The group will spend spring break in West Virginia.

"C.V.A. really demonstrates the inter-connectiveness between community and service, and we hope to keep this program going for some time," said Zollmann.



Brother James Landry(left) and Brother Richard Spinal in front of their home in W. Va.

"It was like a dream"

Study in Mexico and Rome

By Lorna Japsen

Have you ever felt like there was something missing from your college education? Well, one way to enrich your education is by going to school in a foreign country.

Two Clarke students did just that last semester. From August until December Jacqueline Pauwels lived in Mexico City, Mexico; and Michele Bennett stayed in Rome, Italy.

Both women attended college classes and the credits they earned will transfer to Clarke. Both women traveled "on their own," without the aid of grants or scholarships.

Bennett, a junior, went to Loyola University in Rome through a program arranged by Loyola University in Chicago. About 200 American students attended the school and studied under American professors.

Students lived in a big villa that was similar to a dorm. They went to classes together and ate their meals together. Every three weeks they enjoyed a three-day weekend, and Bennett used those opportunities to travel. She visited Munich, West Germany; Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy; Salzburg, Austria; and several cities in Switzerland.

"There are many differences between cities in Europe and cities in the United States. In Rome, for example, there are no supermarkets. If you need bread, you go to a bread store. Another difference is that the stores are closed between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for the traditional siesta," she said.

Bennett didn't speak any Italian when she left the States, but it didn't take long for her to pick it up. "The Italians know a little English, but they don't like to use it when speaking with Americans," she said. "If Americans make an effort to speak Italian then the Italians are helpful."

Bennett had wanted to study abroad since she was a freshman. "It was really exciting to go as a college student," she said. "I got to live like the Europeans do, not like a tourist."

Pauwels, a senior, lived a different type of life in Mexico. She stayed with a Mexican family and went to school with both Mexicans and Americans.

She attended *Universidad Iberamericana* (Spanish-American University) where she took three classes. Pauwels has had over two years of Spanish in college, so she was able to communicate well with the people.

On weekends Pauwels went to parties at her Mexican friends' houses. "The parties were nothing like the ones here," she said. "One of the most important things was for the family to eat together. The kids would come home from wherever they were just to eat as a family."

Pauwels found the Mexicans to be very nice and helpful, especially in the smaller towns. "They greet each other with a kiss on the cheek," she said, "and they were very willing to help us when we needed directions. Usually we didn't even have to ask."

Both Pauwels and Bennett said their experiences were unforgettable. "I recommend it to everyone," Pauwels said. "If you ever have the opportunity, don't hesitate. Just go." Bennett also recommends the experience. "It was like a dream. Half of the time I couldn't believe that I was really there," she said.

Valentine's Dance

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Dave Eliason of KAT-FM at the Valentine's Dance, Feb. 9, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., at the Julian Motor Inn. Tickets available at the door.

Academic All-American

Burmahl receives award

by Kathy Scherrman

A Clarke senior has been named Academic All-American by the 1985 National Catholic Basketball Tournament committee.

Angie Beach Burmahl was one of six college athletes who received the honor at the NCBT finals, Jan. 13.

Burmahl, an education major, was selected for her high scholastic standing, school and community citizenship, and for her athletic ability.

Although she knew her name had been submitted by Coach Kevin Holland, she didn't know she had been named for the award until that evening. "I was pretty surprised," Burmahl said. "It's a nice thing to have for compiling my resume."

Burmahl and her husband live near Baldwin, Iowa. She commutes a distance of about 40 miles to reach her daily classes. "The driving does get to me," she reflects. "Sometimes I wish I could be here at Clarke all of the time. I feel sort of left out, though the other girls on the team try to include me in their activities."



Angie Beach Burmahl

by Lisa Paulsen
The Clarke library staff has recently undertaken a tremendous amount of work in making its resources accessible to students and faculty. Computerization of the school's latest programs for the school library.

In last spring's fire almost 80 percent of the 120,000 volumes in the library were salvaged. The card catalog suffered a great deal of damage making the introduction of computer cataloging a welcome and timely program.

Bob Isenhart, a Clarke faculty member who also works for the Information Resource Management Corporation of Dubuque as an applications programmer, devised the new computerized card catalog system.

The new system will eliminate the time consuming search through a card catalog to find a book. Isenhart's method can locate a book within a few seconds and several library patrons can use the service at the same time. Books can be located by author, title, topic or call

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Clarke Perspective: a new format

by Lorna Japsen

Monday, Feb. 4, the Clarke Perspective News Magazine returned to the screen with a new image and style.

The format of the show has been updated, features have been added and there is a new opening

Executive Producer Tim Heller said, "The opening displays candid shots of over 100 Clarke students, faculty, staff and administration personnel." Upbeat music accompanies the changing image.

Gina Hanson, continuity director, added, "The opening's em-

phasis is on the people rather than the buildings."

Additions to the show are weekly updates from Phil Manning, sports reporter and from Tisha Manning, arts reporter.

"Three years ago the Perspective was just 10 minutes of moving

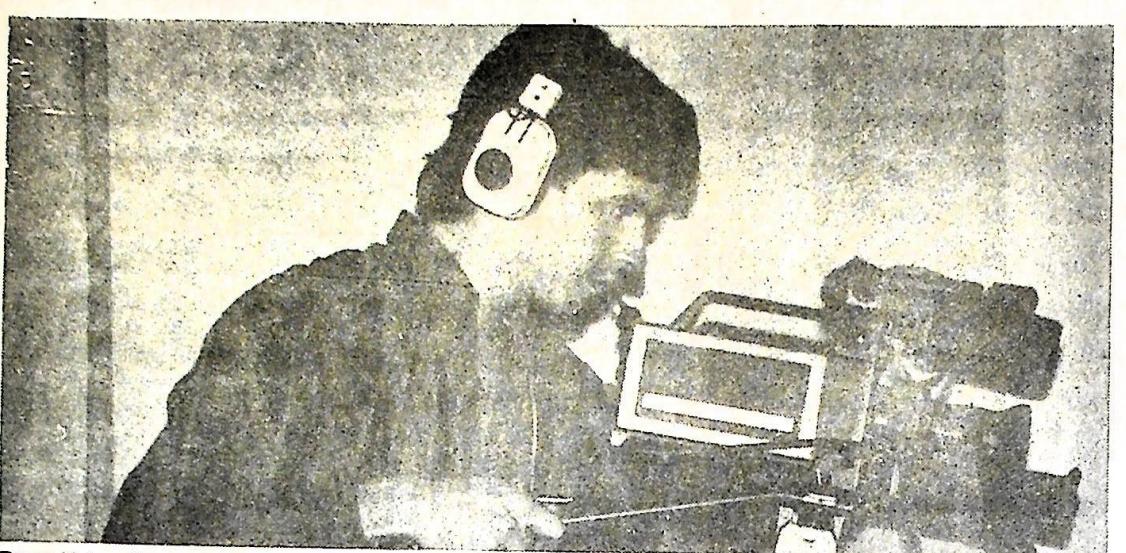
pictures and music," Heller said. "Now it has developed into a more professional show."

Eventually, each show will conclude with a new feature entitled, "Did You Know..." which will reveal trivial facts from Clarke professors.

About 40 hours of work goes into making each 15 minute episode. Individual producers tape and edit their features, the features are then spliced together and the show is re-edited into its final form.

Heller says that the show will feature hard-working individuals at Clarke on a regular basis and that it will be introduced by a different student each week.

The Perspective can be seen every Monday from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of Catherine Byrne



Dave Kriegshauser, a member of the Clarke Perspective staff, video tapes a segment for an upcoming program. Kriegshauser is only one of 19 staff members who are responsible for the weekly show.

"Unhappies" seek revenge

by Stacey Blake

Never let it be said that I am guilty of biased reporting. Last week I wrote about happy and friendly Clarke people. Sounds harmless enough, doesn't it? Well, not two days later I received numerous telephone calls and letters from students who were wretchedly unhappy and proud of it. These students believe that I have done them some injustice through unfair coverage because they enjoy being doleful. Can you believe that? I mean, come on. Who could find pleasure in anguish?

Believe it or not, there is a group of Clarke students who have formed an organization called the "Miserable Misfortunate." Members of the group prefer to remain anonymous; however, they would like it to be known that they are unhappy campers. I was able to in-

terview their club president who currently answers to the name "Schnook," and who can be contacted for more information regarding the group's activities. Ms. Schnook is under the impression that formulated anxieties, apprehensiveness, self-flagellation and humiliation should be developed to their fullest potential. It is with this philosophy in mind that she is cultivating a workshop for fretting beginners where prospective "unhappies" will engage in the following exercises:

■ Make it a point to see the next Richard Gere movie on its opening night.

■ Using only the tip of your tongue, see how long it takes to make your gums bleed.

■ After leaving a room full of people who do not like you, attempt to imagine what they may be saying about you.

■ Do not attend Mike Acton's class for a week and offer no explanation as to your whereabouts.

■ Make a list of all the things you nearly had, but somehow blew.

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New computer provides easy access to library

by Lisa Paulsen

The Clarke library staff has recently undertaken a tremendous amount of work in making its resources accessible to students and faculty. Computerization is one of the latest programs for the school library.

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All suggestions and comments are welcome.

Members of the Perspect-

ive crew include Heller, Hansen, Kriegshauser, Mark DeCraene, Kohlman, Phil Manning, Mamer, Tisha Manning and Tami Hudson.

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